

National Committee Attendance Sheet					
National Committee Meeting				Date:10/02/2018	
Surname	First Name	Initials	Region/Post	Present	Apologies
Armstrong	Michael	MA	Cumbria Rep		✓
Boyd	Martyn	MB	Contact for Northern Ireland		✓
Bridgwood	Alex	AB	Lincolnshire Rep		✓
Brown	Colin	CB	West Midlands Regional Rep		✓
Carrott	Andy	AC	Vice Chair / Lincolnshire Deputy Rep / Director TMAGL		✓
Carrott	Jane	JC	Minute Taker / National Reps Liaison		✓
Churchlow	Ian	IC	Director TMAGL / NEL		✓
Cox	Tony	TC	North West Rep / Director TMAGL	✓	
Davison	Pete	PD	Director TMAGL	✓	
Egerton	Michael	ME	Eastern Rep		✓
Fawthrop	Tim	TF	Contact for Greater London		✓
Gale	Aine	AG	Network Editor		✓
Hughes	Bill	BH	North Wales Rep		✓
Lavender	Selina	SL	Chair / Director Nice Employer Ltd / Director TMAGL	✓	
Legg	George	GL	National Web Research Officer / Western Region Rep		✓
Lewis	Gareth	GarL	Thames Valley Rep		
Mallett	Steve	SM	South East Rep	✓	
Manton	Richard	RM	Yorkshire Rep	✓	
Metcalf	Jon	JMe	Herts / Essex Rep (Acting)		
Mutch	Ian	IM	President / Editor "The Road"	✓	
Öpik	Lembit	LÖ	Director Comms & Public Affairs	✓	
Peregrine	Tim	TP	Southern Rep		✓
Smith	Tracy	TS	South West Rep	✓	
Vacant			East Midlands Rep		
Vacant			Campaigns & Policy Advisor		
Vacant			Clubs Liaison Officer		
Wigham	Dave	DW	North East Rep	✓	
Wilson	Rory	RW	South Wales Rep	✓	
Wykes	Steve	SW	Scotland Rep / Director TMAGL	✓	
Ramsbottom	Peter		Deputy for TF	✓	
Colson	Fin		Deputy for TP	✓	
Sperling	Julie	JS	Minute taker	✓	

Motorcycle Action Group: National Committee Meeting
Date: February 10, 2018 Time 12.00 pm Venue: Wren Hall, CV35 7AF

1. Introduction:

SL thanked all for attending and dealt with housekeeping.

All introduced themselves.

2. Apologies for absence:

Recorded on attached attendance sheet.

3. Appointments and resignations:

Steve Mallet appointed SE regional Rep.

4. Adoption of NC agenda:

Adopted with revisions.

5. Ratification of previous NC Minutes:

i. Minutes of previous NC meeting.

To accept the December 2017 NC Minutes.

Proposed: SW; Seconded: RW. Carried.

ii. Minute of any email votes taken between NC meetings.

None recorded.

6. Matters arising from previous NC Minutes:

December 2017 Action Points were circulated, discussed and amended.

SL reported no action taken.

LÖ reported that LM had PPTX re: light segregation trip hazard.

IM reported no action taken.

LÖ reported that he thought he had sent TC/Foggy photo to AG for Network.

LÖ reported that LM did not forward contacts. It was thought that it was now too late and contact has been made where necessary.

SL reported that a job description had not been provided. RM apologised to the Directors for the delay. LÖ reported that a draft CAZ document had been circulated and currently not at the release stage. Work is ongoing currently 29 towns & cities in England and 4 Scottish cities in consultation.

TF reported via PR an email was circulated sharing the Consultation documents. Confirmed that the ULEZ charge zone is expanding from inner London to North/South circular roads and will possibly expand to M25. Current charges are Congestion and T (Toxic) Charge to be followed by ULEZ.

7. Campaigns/Priorities:

Report from LÖ previously circulated on-list.

LÖ ran through his priorities and then reported on the following:

Health scare and is now on the right road.

LÖ, SL and TF met with Keith Prince GLA, Transport Chair a summary is reported in the latest edition of The ROAD. Positive relationship made. He is a biker and keen to help, arranging test ride possible publicity via Evening Standard.

On the same day also met with the 'Greens' Sian Berry and Caroline Russel. They were not aware that ULEZ would charge bikers, nor that electric buses have diesel generators for air conditioning. TF also stated the policy regarding buses not being allowed to leave stop until the one in front has moved a set distance away so buses are stood idling for longer thus increasing pollution. Hybrid bus current 7mpg. Plus advised that PM's underground were higher, the subject was closed and they continued the party line.

MP membership fund and two were invited to join. Keith Prince joined online himself and Neil Coyle said that he wanted to join and would pay therefore no funds have been used.

Crime – Home Office roundtable meeting, CB and TF attended felt MAG had been excluded from working groups and concluded that none have taken place. Tony Campbell of MCIA received blame that manufacturers were not doing enough to stop thefts. Stevie B is concerned that only the MEC seen rather than seeing bikers as victims. SL has written the next BSH article entitled The Hidden Victim and will share once BSH is released. MAG Foundation will look into how they can support MAG's campaign.

SM on BBC Kent regarding motorcycle crime and reaffirmed that there are always two victims in the crime not just the person who had the phone stolen.

LÖ had been contacted by TP regarding man hole covers wanting nonslip put him in touch with Preform Markings as we had a deal with them previously.

LÖ, CB and JS met MCIA Tony Campbell and Stevie Muir which was encouraging.

Attended Trade Expo this was industry and manufacturers had a few chance meetings.

Acid attack dinner was dropped in LÖ and Veronica ? lap, sorted the day out and a successful event. Met Steve Timms senior Labour MP who has volunteered to sponsor an event in parliament. Received respect from community and attending guests.

Keith Prince has also suggested sponsoring an event at GLA, City Hall. Cost involved circa £2,000 to £3,000 would need financial sponsors and good topic to host.

Consultations ongoing and support via GL.

Found fact regarding PM's in the underground is eight times greater than those in a car.

Will send emails to NC list entitled GOVT INFO detailing facts and figures plus any consultations that are related to a region will send directly to that RR.

LÖ has the figures of KSI's more motorcyclists than cyclists. Is speed involved? Need further breakdown of facts in relation to miles travelled by mode. It was noted that figures will always be 6 to 18 months behind whilst they are collated and verified. We need to understand the comparison of:

- accidents per mile
- accidents per trip
- accidents per hour

We believe that cycling is more dangerous per mile ridden.

NI MotorcycleFest, Eikon show took place took 15 memberships at the event plus 2 online immediately after. Ian Bunting now NI Vice Rep to support MB. MB to attend future NC meetings. Good success with a lot of investment.

Cradle to Grave analysis AB has stepped forward to assist. It's a big job. Electric car difficult issue to add cost of electricity.

ULEZ London Day of Action – motorcycle Matters 21st April, ride out more details to follow.

ULEZ charges 50cc cost on EBay £102 ULEZ charge £12.50 compared to 6.6ltr V12 (greenest version) cost £235,295 ULEZ charge FREE. TC stated that Euro VI vehicles are tested and not evaluated in a congestion scenario and tests have shown that these Euro VI compliant vehicles can omit 4 times this limit. Compared to a non-compliant motorcycle who will be charged and can filter so not adding to the congestion need to start adding this to our argument. Suggested MCIA may be able to assist here. TC added that all new cars come with stop/start technology and emissions increase as they are not efficient if not at an operating temperature so save fuel against reduced emissions. TC to document evidence to support the MAG CAZ response to LÖ.

Average time spent in congestion 31 hours across the whole country compared to 61.5 hours in London.

Average cost of commuting if using 125cc is £1.20 per day plus ULEZ charge £12.50 need to compare this into London's living wage.

PR to go out about this ULEZ/CAZ.

Autonomous vehicles Mark Steel contacted the office with evidence of cancers, blindness, radiation exposure to riders and others. EMF needs further investigation SW offered assistance with this.

LÖ asked for stories for The ROAD, PR requests to include PR in subject line please include information, a quote and a quality photo. It was noted that a previous PR appeared in BDN. SL asked that everyone noted that to quote as a MAG member and not on behalf of MAG unless pre-approved with NC.

Attended half day staff meeting at HQ.

LÖ stated he was to work louder, smarter and firmer in the future.

Copy of presentation to be compressed and sent to JS to be added to Wiki MAG (it was noted that this was in the public domain). SL agreed so JS will archive and hold centrally.

8. Board meeting report (including FEMA):

SL advised the MAG YouTube channel is up and running (but not publicised due to little content) needs clips adding please request login details. RM suggested adding Yorkshire/Stormin' and other events to add from build-up stage. MAG central has a channel but no login details. Channel is MAG Motorcycle Action Group.

New Role Director of Campaigns & Political Engagement has been decided upon confirmation of acceptance NC will be notified. It was noted that all candidates were high calibre and would still like to engage with unsuccessful candidates. PR to go out a.s.a.p.

SW advised that we hoped to be at the Scottish Show.

Pay review for staff agreed a 2.5% rise back dated to January.

GDPR possible way to extend holding the lapsed member details by offering MAG Light/Knowledge at no cost to the member/s, no cost implications to MAG, no benefits entitlement this would be an automatic entitlement. Paperwork is currently being updated to reflect this. LÖ suggested MAGLite may sponsor this currently not looking to investigate this.

VMCC attendance cancelled due to LÖ health scare SM was to attend as a MAG/VMCC member to assist LÖ. Cost of their affiliation is £600 cost to send two people could be equal. It was suggested not to actively pursue. IM thought he could attend instead, IM also confirmed that articles have been forwarded for inclusion of the VMCC magazine but nothing has been seen to have been printed. Their club cards show MAG affiliation. IM calculated that cost per head at VMCC for MAG membership equates to 3.75 pence of which 0.5 pence is FEMA club affiliation fees. It was agreed that MAG has made an effort.

SL advised no MAG Media Director signed up asked IM to look into a possible Sub-Editor prospects around biking press, possible work experience or someone coming up to retirement.

SL brought up Trade Unions and possible connections this was quickly decided not to be looked into.

Excel expenditure approved should a stand be made available (noted decision due on 12.02.18).

LÖ agreed to get approval from JS before agreeing to attend as SL advised that we have a 'duty of care' to the staff as LÖ tends to over promise which in turn leads to over working, which is what we need to prevent.

No questions forthcoming.

SL asked if the NC felt if the Board was operating correctly **unanimous show of hands**.

9. Forthcoming events:

A number of events were noted.

10. Requests for AGM Observers:

Duly requested and arranged where possible TS to request via list.

11. Reports (circulated on email list prior to meeting):

i. Regional Reps

British Independent Islands: (vacant)

No report available.

Cumbria: Michael Armstrong

Whitehaven MAG.

Meetings are going well.

Group Xmas dinner went well.

Group received Christmas cards from Sue Hayman MP and Trudy Harrison MP

Easter Egg Run organised for the 25th of March, Sarah Robinson (journalist) invited on the run.

Group's AGM at the end of the month.

Furness MAG.

Xmas party went well and a cheque of £330 to be sent to central

Meetings are going well, had their AGM in January:

- Mike Marsden- Deputy Rep (after being the rep for 18 years!)
- Gary Chelton- Furness Rep
- John Marsden- Political Officer (a post which had been vacant)

Piel Island party organised for April.

Dead End Rally being organised for July

RR Report.

Send NC emails to Furness/Whitehaven MAG.

Attended as many Whitehaven MAG meetings as possible.

Local MP's invited for the Easter Egg Run.

Got a new edition to the Armstrong family.

East Anglia: (vacant)

No report available.

Lincolnshire: Alex Bridgwood

Lincolnshire Region is currently going through a bit of a change in respect of how we manage the groups within the Region. This was previously agreed at an AGM of Mid Lincs MAG late last year. The group is continuing to exist but in a virtual capacity being run by a new contact. Things are moving ahead but perhaps at a slower pace than previously hoped.

Lincoln MAG is keeping contact with Lincoln City Council regarding the official opening of the new multi-storey car park. We're still hoping for some form of launch to be invited to which will enable us to showcase our involvement in getting secure motorcycle parking implemented into the scheme. Other than that there hasn't been much else going on within the Region.

On a personal note I've taken on the cradle to grave analysis since the last NC meeting. I have started to pick apart the information put together in Jack Walker's report to further expand on what he started. The aim is to be able to create a form of database with base data which we can then use to input different figures from manufacturers. I don't think the information can be used as originally intended but there is still a benefit in carrying on with the project as we can use it for other purposes. I haven't had much chance since Christmas to do much with the data but I'm hopeful that things will have moved further on for the next NC meeting in April.

Eastern: Michael Egerton

Attended Springfields show to support Andy, but very disappointed that Peterborough volunteers didn't show. Local meetings on hold until Peterborough AGM on 3rd March due to complete lack of interest. A member has confirmed interest in taking on the Rep position and hope to bring the meeting back into Peterborough City to encourage turnout.

Regional AGM will also take place on 3rd March and call-out to members to stand for this position, I will not be available to continue my current duties after this date, so will not be up for re-election.

East Midlands: (vacant)

No report available.

Greater London: Tim Fawthrop

I will not be able to attend the February NC meeting because I don't have any days off available. I have spent a lot of time on the Awareness ride and plans are coming along.

Awareness ride info to date:

Unity riders are doing the Marshalling and will lead the ride. They will take people to the start point of their choice.

Southwark council have received the forms for the end point just have to do the insurance forms.

I'm still awaiting them to acknowledge and this morning in my break I will go round to their office to chase this up.

I have a sound system offered for any speakers that want to speak at the end point. Any volunteers and suggestions?

We will be leaving north carriage drive at 12; all the other timings will be worked out from this. I expect to be finished no later than 5pm

I'm talking to the Ace Cafe about them having a food/tea stall at Burgess Park but have to wait for Southwark council.

Marshalling meeting points

Ace Corner, N Circular Rd, London NW10 7UD

Rykkas Café, Old London Rd, Box Hill, Mickleham, Dorking RH5 6BY > Pick up The Prince Of Wales 98 Morden Road, London SW19 3BP

Original High beech tea hut, Original Tea Hut, Waltham Abbey, Loughton IG10 4HR. > Pick up Tottenham Hale RARC pub.

The Iron Horse, 122 Station Rd, Sidcup DA15 7AB. > Blackheath Tea Hut, Goffers Rd, Blackheath, London SE3 0UA

London meeting point

North Carriage Drive London W2

End destination.

New Church Road

Burgess Park

London SE5

Campsites

Cherry wood Campsite

701 Arterial Rd, Purfleet RM19

Phone: 01708 860394

Walton on Thames Camping and Caravanning Club Site Fieldcommon Lane, West Molesey, Walton-on-Thames KT12 3QG

Phone: 01932 220392

Wyatts Covert Caravan and Motorhome Club Site

Wyatts Covert Club Site, Tilehouse Lane, Denham, Uxbridge, Buckinghamshire UB9 5DH

Phone: 01895 832729

Hotels discount

I have set up a business account with Travelodge which will last until we close the account. I am hoping to get the login email address changed.

Travelodge 5% discount on Flexible booking

tfawthrop@mag-uk.org

1magtravelodge

I have organised 2 ULEZ protests on Waterloo Bridge, Thanks to Steve Mallet And Tim P for their help, also Lembit for some of the photos. I had to design get banners and flyers printed for this.

I have attended meetings at Westminster Council on motorcycle accident reduction and safety, parking and bike security.

I attended the GLA meeting with Selina and Lembit, also acted as tour guide and for the party.

I attended the Home Office meeting on the 31st with Colin Brown. I used the tube for the first time in the rush hour for quite a few years and due to the increased pollution from PM2.5 and 10 will have a shortened life by a few hours.

We have had a couple of good meetings at the Bike Shed, although we had to move one around the corner due to a booked event that was going to be too loud for us to have it at the bike shed.

The Ace Cafe has been a bit disappointing with no one turning up at the last meeting. This is now on the 3rd monthly; I don't think this will make much difference to the attendance.

We are still looking for a place in south London to hold the 3rd meeting, I know that the attendance isn't going to be great but if we don't have the meeting we don't have a focus for members.

I'm still awaiting a decision on a stand at the ExCel bike show and won't know until Friday 9th 6 days before the setup day. We have to wait until then before we can find out if we have a free space, this is so that we don't pay £1,000+ for the stand, as it is it's going to cost £200-300 for the shell.

If we don't get the stand we will still be attending to raise the awareness of ULEZ and the Motorcycles Matter day.

I am working with Philip Hobden on getting motorcycle parking security and spaces increased in the City of London. We hope to have a meeting with the people concerned and do a presentation on how much motorcycles help to keep the city moving and less polluted. I have been looking for some sort of brochure on this with the main points highlighted and then in depth material on each subject if they require it. I have searched WikiMag and can't find anything of this professional nature. I was also looking for all the documents on various subjects to do with pollution, parking, congestion, and bike security. It's all over the place!

This brochure could then be used at any upcoming events where we can promote the benefits of motorcycling, for example, the GLA and Houses of parliament.

Perhaps employing someone on a fixed term contract to set up a database of everything that MAG has produced that can be accessed through the website or online.

Additional to email submission - ExCel stand space to be confirmed on Monday. If no space available volunteers should meet outside to hand out ULEZ leaflets. SM asked that these details were confirmed a.s.a.p.

Herts & Essex: Jon Metcalf (acting)

No report submitted.

North East: Dave Wigham

After the set back of the individual Northern councils rejecting the regional mayor and the hiatus that seemed to cause with the bigger local government we're back scrutinising the latest set of transport reports from NECA. The situation with local councils is now a little odd, we still have the North Eastern Combined Authority but only the councils North of the Tyne have formed a group. The councils South of the Tyne have not gone for the single mayor option but NECA seems to be still operating: It's something of a hybrid system. Gateshead Council were the main reason NECA didn't go ahead and no surprise Gateshead are our biggest problem council in that they simply refuse discussion.

Current attempts to try and work with the Police Crime Reduction unit are struggling as our local Police, Cleveland, Durham, Northumberland, Sunderland etc don't seem to have one as such. Simply getting a response has proved difficult even when we've had an introduction from a senior policeman. Our friendly local police on the beat have suggested that the North East forces individually don't have the resources of the larger Yorkshire LAs, so we'll keep plugging away and see how things turn out.

Orcas seem to have died out, or least ways stopped breeding. The remaining plans and schemes that included Orcas seem to have not happened. Hurray! Success.

We will be having our Regional AGM on the 4th of March.

Looking at how the world seems to be evolving we're now working on our June 3rd 2018 one day event with Durham City Markets. Responses from other interested bodies have been positive so far and we're even getting road closures in a city centre!

Northern Ireland: Martyn Boyd

No report submitted.

North Wales: Bill Hughes

No report submitted.

North West: Tony Cox

8th -9th December: - MAG Board & NC Meetings, Wren Hall, Wroxhall.

I didn't attend the Board & NC Meetings due to other personnel commitments and a stand-in could not be found. Minutes will be available at www.mag-uk.org

24th January Alliance meeting Northside Devil Disciples, Bolton

A very well attended meeting as many are of late. This monthly meeting is now booked at various locations well into 2019 which shows how popular it is. Had plenty of Blackpool MAG Rally flyers to distribute as it is clashing with another event this year and wanted to get the word out early on our Rally

26-28th January Moddey Dhoo Late Christmas Party, Douglas Isle of Man

This was very much a social occasion but with a hidden agenda as I went looking for support in my planned visit during the TTs and I received a lot of encouragement from the MDMCC members many of whom were former Manx MAG members before the split on the island. I am still trying to contact the ex-Manx MAG treasurer as there is still a bank account on the Isle of Man which comes in very useful when selling goods during the TT festival as it negates having to apply and pay for a traders license.

MAG Foundation

We are planning on holding an AGC on the Saturday morning of the February NC meeting. All interested are welcome to attend.

National IT Matters

We have had a few issues with the MariaDB database server crashing which Andy Meredith has resolved. Seems to have run trouble free since auto start enabled and the memory issues have been addressed.

Still trying to work on the new website but I am getting no assistance from anyone else and I am beginning to wonder if all the effort is worthwhile and if we need a new website? Even if we paid a professional outfit to produce a website, they would still need input from the organisation so if you want a website then tell me what you want and give me some content ideas ???

I am continuing to keep the National web-site up-to-date with the news items and meeting/contact details as well as the affiliated clubs page until the new site is ready for release , hopefully early next year.

Other News and future events;

- I was contacted by a member from the Merseyside area, concerned about the level of aggressive bike theft in the area he works in. I have been back in touch with my contacts within Merseyside Police and we are looking at working together on a number of initiatives, possibly involving the Foundation Have contacted and involved Steve Bolton as attended the Police conference with me last year and knows the contacts.
- Continue to work on MAG at the TTs project for 2018 with additional pages and advertising in the April edition of the Road. £275 of advertising sold so far!
- Busy promoting the Manchester Event City Bike Show 24-25th March 2018 as a contra-deal worth £1200 of free stand space.
- It has been announced that the 2nd Great North West Motorcycle Festival will be held at the Blackpool Winter Gardens again with much help required from NW MAG members, BH weekend August 25-26th?
- Red Rose MAG ran a Christmas Raffle which raised £250. They are also organising a St George's Rock Knight on Saturday 28th April. I will be resident DJ.
- Morecambe & Lancaster MAG have themselves to Morecambe & District MAD MAG, and are now meeting at Lancaster Motorcycles, White Lund, Morecambe.
- Blackpool MAG busy planning the 21st consecutive rally, last weekend in June, two weeks after the FYP this year so may hopefully get a few more from across the Pennines attending? Special rates on ticket price will be offered to FYP Marshalls.
- All other NW groups are quite but functional.
- Continuing to help produce and distribute the monthly NW Newsletter. Past issues can be viewed on the North-West MAG website. <http://north-west-region.mag-uk.org>

Additional to email submission – advised that any FYP Marshalls will receive a 50% reduction off Blackpool rally.

Scotland: Steve Wykes

A couple of quiet months since the last NC not helped by a bout of the dreaded lurgi early in January but things are ramping up now as spring edges towards us.

8th December Participated in the Board meeting by Skype

9th December Attended NC meeting at Wren Hall

25th January Scottish Road Safety Framework - Operational Partnership Group meeting at Victoria Quay Leith

Voiced concerns over introduction of light segregated cycle schemes against Cycling Scotland vision of increased segregated cycle lanes as part of £80M Scottish Government funding for cycling. Their target 20% journeys by cycle by 2020 dream on. Clips of trips in Battersea scheme to be forwarded, once background information is verified e.g. Number of trips recorded in 24 Hours I believe the figure was 55 is this correct. How many collisions affected cyclists on this route in the preceding period, who promoted and signed off the scheme Sustrans?. Advised that Local Authorities sign off all such schemes in Scotland.

Supported funding for Rider Refinement Pilot scheme in North and East Scotland and welcomed the evaluation and outcomes of the Scottish Biker Magazine safety initiative and Rider Development day run by Iain Stavert. This is a BikeSafe style initiative with input from IAM, RoSPA, training organisations and ex police riders, necessitated by lack of motorcycle resources in Police Scotland.

Looking to roll out Pathways to Progress to Scottish Local Authorities and revamp Motorcycling Guidelines published in 2007 with the latest best practice and including a section on safety initiatives.

31st January/1st February Attended Central Office

Assisted Selina and Julie with three interviews with candidates for replacement for Leon.

8th February Assisted Selina and Julie in interview panel by Skype and mobile for final candidate for replacement for Leon.

Attended Glasgow and Edinburgh MAG Meetings.

Due to attend IAM Forum in Perth on Sunday and Scottish Road Safety Framework - Motorcycle Casualty reduction workshop in Balloch on the 19th, looking to attend the Scottish Bike Show at Ingleston over the weekend of 3rd/4th March, preparations are in hand,

South East: Steve Mallett

Our AGM was held on Feb 4th with Tim Peregrine as observer.

Elected Rep S Mallett, Dep Rep Katherine (Kaz) Baker, Treasurer C Atkins

28 x members turned up

I spoke about the current MAG campaigns and stressed the importance of getting

a/ new members signed up

b/ engaging our existing but dormant members.

c/supporting MAG events such as the London Demo on the 21st April and our own SE rally.

d/ Outlined the responsibilities we have under the new GDPR rules.

e/ Some funds to be passed from branches to Region for onward transfer to Central. All TBC

I am continuing to try and forge links with various local clubs and get them interested in MAG campaigns & and events.

The local Royal Enfield OC have asked me to come along and do a presentation and a few VMCC/BSA members have been coming to N Kent events.

I was on Lembit's Radio Kent 'News review of the year' on 31st of Jan and got some motorcycle related issues aired.

On Jan 14th I spoke about the dangers of potholes on Radio Kent's breakfast show and on Feb 2nd managed to get in a bit on ULEZ/£12-50 daily charge etc.

South East Members from N Kent, Brighton and E Surrey branches supported London MAG's 2 x early morning 'ULEZ awareness' demos on Waterloo Bridge. Thanks to all that turned up especially the member who got the early (0530) train from Chatham to be there. We need more members like you!! I'm pushing the 'Motorcycles Matter Day of Action' as hard as possible and have had enquiries from several persons wanting to know about meeting up venues, times, routes etc etc.

We had a 'Magfest Down South' committee meeting at the 1066 Cafe, Battle, on Jan 12th. 11 persons attended and good progress was made. Everyone working together and tasks equally shared. I met with Rochester & Strood MP, Kelly Tolhurst, some months ago and she promised to write to the Mayor of London on behalf of MAG. I thought she'd forgotten about it but I finally got a letter from her and one from Sadiq Khan also. All very predictable stuff with not an ounce of motorcycle awareness from S Khan.

The scheduled meeting with VMCC about affiliation had to be cancelled due to unforeseen circumstances. Incidentally, with 15000+ members and an income from subs alone of over £500,000pa, the VMCC could become an important ally.

Hastings MAG

Hats off to Rep Andy Cutts and his members who have done great work in getting support from his local MP, Amber Rudd.

He won assurances that motorcycles will be allowed to use (for a trial period) the new bus lane that is to be created in Bexhill.

North Kent MAG

For a change they held their December meet at the Bike Shed in London. I was recovering from an operation so didn't attend but by all accounts it's a great place, well run and friendly. No attitudes and everyone wants to chat.

We have a 'feeder ride' from Rochester to the Ace on Feb 11 to join up with the London MAG Fred Hill ride to Pentonville.

3 x members on standby to help out the London Excel show, should MAG obtain a stand..

Brighton MAG

Continue to have good attendances at their meetings and had a very successful Christmas party.

East Kent MAG

Have a dedicated core membership but like other branches in the region need more active members.

Southern: Tim Peregrine

Attended London MAG's ULEZ awareness demo on Waterloo Bridge in December.

- Identified Consultations and raised with Members or appropriate Group Reps on:
 - Central Winchester Regeneration (CWR)
 - Draft Havant Borough Local Plan 2036
 - M3 Junction 9 Improvements Consultation

- Following contact with the Chair of the Economy, Transport and Environment Select Committee, Hampshire County Council Highway's Manager has contacted me to ask whether MAG would like to engage on Safety Engineering and Traffic Management teams. Positive conversation and has indicated greater communications from the County's engineering team with MAG.

- Attended funeral of a Winchester MAG Member who has also been active in supporting other Groups across the Region.

- Communities Against Noise and Speed (CANS).
Community group formed to address issues on the A32 and A272. A historic issue, which is primarily seen as motorcycle related, however in the inaugural meeting attempts made to ensure not "anti-biking". Key fundamental issues with the Group are that Council and Police and Crime Commissioner for Hampshire have both made promises and commitments for measures, however both have now drawn back on previous commitments.

Due to tit-for-tat comments on social media attended inaugural meeting to ensure motorcyclists represented. Regional Deputy Rep and a number of other riders attended and member of IAM RoadSmart also identified himself at meeting with over 160 in attendance. We have engaged further with the Group, with a sympathetic ear, to ensure we are invited to attend events, etc.

- Observed South East Regional Meeting as NC Observer. I am pleased to say that Steve was formally voted in as Regional Rep and other officers were returned.

- Basingstoke.
The Group are consistent in numbers and activity. Plans to attend significant local events, later in the year and also support Groups in other Regions, due to the geographic nature of the Group.

- Portsmouth
Core team continue to meet with a combination of MAG meeting and social ride out each month. Members of the Group have been engaged with the City, as a unitary authority and also looking to get engaged with the County's highways meetings. Plans progressing for the Show, later in the year, which has established itself.

- Salisbury
Whilst there are actual members, it is a struggle to see them at meetings. This is something that was very evident at the recent AGM. Unfortunately, at the time of writing this, the Spring Surprise Show in the City Centre will not proceed due to a number of reasons, which includes the lack of commitment from personnel. The Leader of the Council in Salisbury and a Council colleague visited the AGM to show commitment to the event and discuss how they are changing policies to enable events rather than hinder them. The Group will be discussing plans to host a smaller event later in the year.

- Southampton.
The Group remains quite quiet, however plans for show and other events move forwards.

- Winchester.
The Group is very small and unfortunately lost one of their Members, however continue to meet and discuss MAG business and plan a small show in the summer.

Additional to email submission – Fin Coulson advised regarding A303 consultation, Stonehenge tunnel small capacity PTWs will not be able to use.

South Wales: Rory Wilson

1. Preparations under way for AGC 2018 in Borth.
2. Aberystwyth & District MAG 'We do ride to be beside the Seaside' Rally preparations also in hand. This will be the primary fundraising for AGC, so it is hoped for good attendance from regions.
3. Fred Hill Run to Llandovery on 11th February.
4. Aberystwyth MAG to submit consultation response to Local Authority regarding lack of PTW parking at the proposed new Bow Street station.
5. Requesting Lembit, when he is able, to speak at one of the 2018 'All Wales Motorcycle Group' (police, fire service, Welsh Government, etc) meetings.

South West: Tracy Smith

A £200 donation was made to Central by East Dorset MAG.

Membership – Having liaised with the office, a letter has been sent to the names on the expired list reminding them what MAG does and inviting them to re-join. We have had a couple get back to us and re-join.

The Groups are all pretty stable and consistent and have been supporting each other as ever.

CORNWALL - There are several road improvements planned in Cornwall and Mike Baker is intending to ensure riders are not overlooked and plans to attend the meetings. The End of the Road Rally may be at a new venue this coming year. This will be confirmed. New members with enthusiasm are looking forward to driving Cornwall MAG forward. They know it will be a long road. CMAG held their AGM but deferred the vote for a group Rep as they suddenly found themselves in the enviable position of having more than one candidate. They will be voting on this at their next meeting so that the candidates have time to look into the roles in more detail. The full report and accounts will be sent to the office.

NORTH DEVON – the group has been a bit quieter over the Xmas period but is moving ahead again. They have discovered that Exeter Council is looking at congestion charging and I have been in touch with them on the issue. North Devon MAG hosted the regional meeting. They are taking time to have some social events and have just had a MAG High Tea at a local Golf and Spa Hotel where they had small raffle for MAG. A full set of 2017 accounts were sent to the office.

TAUNTON – The Taunton groups are looking ahead to the Tone Vale Tea Rally. Taunton held a very successful Come Dine with MAG following their Christmas Pet Food Run. They will also be meeting up with EDMAG to remember Fred on Sunday 11th February. TMAG held their AGM and I am pleased to say they have a goof sized committee with Sarah Smith remaining in the reps position. Their yearly accounts and a summary will be sent to Julie when completed. A full report and account is on its way to the office.

EAST DORSET – ED held an Xmas dinner, and have decided to make this a semi regular thing. We have also been quite active socially attending local bike meets that carry on over the winter, while there promoting MAG as well as consuming the dreaded amber liquid. They are planning for the coming year. They hope to put on a couple of bike shows. They are looking at holding a Mods and Rockers night later in the year. They hope this will also attract the scooter riders and that they can encourage them to the meetings. At Easter we will be reviving the Sunday night 'Bikes at the Bell' weekly meet. There are planning to have a MAG stand at the Heritage Vehicle show in Wimborne in July. The Fred Hill run will, as usual, meet up with Taunton MAG in Dorchester on 11th February. And they have a pet food run which normally happens in July. Politically they still battle on with the local councils over Bikes in Bus lanes

WEST DORSET – No report was received from WD MAG and they were not able attend the regional meeting. They have been struck with the dreaded flu virus but hope to get back to normal very soon.

REGIONAL REP - Our regional meeting went well. Despite the foul weather and localised flooding members from across the region attended the meeting hosted in North Devon. I took full advantage of the huge flat screen telly at the venue to give 2 presentations. We used one from the training memory stick by Sarah Smith on the subject of holding an event. We also had one I have put together to dispel the myth that "Central" is a person or higher entity in MAG and to explain the roles etc of the staff and the NC. We also discussed Petitions and looked at the figures and lack of real legislative success as a result of them.

We discussed the pollution/emissions issue. It is still hard to get across to people living so far away from London why MAG fights so many battles there. This is despite the emissions zones and congestion charge zones being looked at by cities in the SW.

I have made contact with Exeter Council as they are looking at their pollution issue and have mentioned emission zones for the city.

I have updated the corporate members' album on the MAG FB page.

I have been liaising with one of organisers of the largest Bike event in the SW with a view to have a stand there for the first time in several years. This depends on space and on volunteers available so it's a plan in progress.

Following an issue highlighted on social media I have re-sent the TMAGL Constitution, The Model Rules for Local Groups, and the Reps Handbook to the SW group reps. (I had sent these to the SW reps in April 2017) They have been asked to ensure all officers are updated with these too.

I attended the Taunton AGM and have reported the committee posts to the NC.

Thames Valley: Gareth Lewis

No report submitted.

Western: George Legg

All is rather quiet at the moment in Western Region, Bristol MAG and our Regional Political Officer Geoff Mills are working on the Bristol ULEZ, with I believe meetings in the offing.

Bristol MAG are manning a stand at the Carol Nash Bristol Custom & Classic Bike Show.

West Midlands: Colin Brown

Working with Staffordshire Motorcycle Focus Group

Attended focus group meetings and National Young Rider meeting hosted by Kevin Wilcox in Stoke on Trent December 2017

Secure Parking - Birmingham

Working with West Midlands Police and Birmingham City Council to push for secure parking. The meetings have so far lead to a suggestion to run a "trial" installation at one or two city centre parking bays. Currently this is stalled whilst BCC attempts to find funding. I have gone as far as offering to try to get commercial sponsorship but that offer has not been taken up.

Charity Rides and Engagement

Currently working on a strategy to build relationships with local charity biker groups lead to West Midlands MAG supporting a Christmas Toy Run for Birmingham Childrens Hospital/Ronald McDonald

House Charity. The event was also used to engage with local MP Steve McCabe who was assaulted by ASBO off road riders back in August. Steve McCabe accepted the invitation, even accepting a pillion ride on the charity run

Also met with Deputy Leader of Labour Party, Tom Watson in December to discuss antisocial riding and MAG's response to it.

January saw West Midlands MAG organise its own charity ride in aid of a local community group, Leslie's Care Packages. This was run with the support of 2 local charity bike groups, (Bridgnorth Bikers and Redditch Charity Bikers). Successful event that also got local press coverage.

4th January also saw a long campaign to meet Sadiq Khan's equivalent in the West Midlands, Andy Street. This meeting again went well, focusing on the benefits of PTW's to reduce congestion and pollution. Andy Street admitted to a degree of prejudice, but accepted all the arguments in favour of encouraging modal shift to PTW's. He will discuss with Transport for West Midlands boss Laura Shoaf. Hopefully this will be a strategic level step in the right direction.

18th January delivered a presentation on MAG to Coventry RoSPA.

Birmingham Clean Air Zone

Met with Birmingham City Council in January. The meeting was supposed to have been with David Harris, the civil servant with responsibility for the city's response on clean air. Unfortunately he was too busy on the day, but I did meet with one of his colleagues. The meeting went well and gave me the chance to present the logical arguments to a new audience again. Birmingham's plan was to be revealed in a report to the Cabinet on 24th January, but the report was pulled from the agenda the day before amid accusations from Cllr Trickett that central government had failed to send relevant data in a timely manner. The whole issue looks like it will turn into a party political football between Labour and Conservative factions in the Council with the forthcoming Local Government elections on the horizon. West Mids MAG will view this as an opportunity for more lobbying on the subject with a wider range of hopeful candidates.

MCIA/Trade Expo

Whilst making enquiries about West Mids MAG plans to support Ride To Work Week with the MCIA I managed to secure a meeting with Tony Campbell and Stevie Muir of the MCIA at the Trade Expo event. Given that Julie and Lembit were already at the event this turned into a positive meeting discussing a range of opportunities that I hope will lead to positive partnership with the MCIA

Home Office Roundtable Meeting

Represented MAG with Tim Fawthrop at the Home Office on 31st Jan. No doubt much more detailed reports are going to be coming out on that meeting in due course. Note, I had to use the underground for part of that trip and having seen figures for the levels of nitrous oxides in the underground, my days may be numbered.

Yorkshire: Richard Manton

We've started putting out a monthly newsletter out to keep members up to date with any developments both locally and nationally. This has gone down well.

Political – Steve B, Ian Whittaker and Manny are in discussions with the 5 West Yorkshire councils regarding secure bike parking. Bikes in bus lanes is still on the agenda.

Treasurer (Garry Timms): Surplus in regional account – £7,300; was holding on to make a donation to Central until we have bought a stand. Manny proposed a donation of £5,000. Seconded by Linz. Meeting voted their agreement.

Branch Reports

East Yorkshire – new rep Rob Emptage. Theft still high in Hull. MAG having a meeting with police to discuss

Huddersfield – two meetings with the local council re secure parking. Held a “sausage night” and raised £210

Leeds – meeting with police re theft hotspots. Meeting with council to discuss secure parking and updated PTW parking map.

South Yorkshire – rebranded Sheffield MAG to South Yorkshire since the demise of Barnsley and Doncaster MAG last year. Meetings poorly attended but a campaign is happening to kick start the group

Wakefield – Meetings with local council re – secure bike parking. Held Annual Biker quiz – Leeds won again.

Re-launch of Scarborough MAG: Manny nor Oliver have had any further contact from anyone in the Scarborough area.

York MAG still dormant. PW suggested speaking with KevKev; folks are still around from before. Steve Travis offered assistance with getting group off ground. PW to send link to old Yorkshire MAG FB group but little interest from former York MAG so far.

Fred Hill Runs in West and East Yorkshire happening on 11 February 2018 – see websites.

Wed 28th February - Wakefield MAG 14th Post Christmas Auction

Wed 28th March - Wakefield MAG Bingo Night.

ii. *Chair and Vice-Chair*

Chair

Attended:

08/12 Board meeting

09/12 NC meeting

10/01 Greater London Assembly with Lembit & Tim F

11/01 Julie's return to work interview & annual appraisal with Ian C (completed supporting documentation)

14/01 Trade Expo

20/01 Springfields show (unable to attend MAP AGM on same weekend, arranged that Ian C would cover)

27/01 Bury St Edmunds Mad Cow party

29/01 NEL meeting at Central office

31/01 & 01/02 Interviews for Director of Campaigns & Political Engagement alongside Julie & Steve W.

Communication with members, non-members, NC, Board & staff via email, phone and in person.

Position statement on Road pricing.

Agenda, minutes & action points for Board meeting.

Arranged interviews with applicants for Director of Campaigns & Political Engagement; created interview pro-forma & score index with Andy C & Julie.

BSH articles (monthly).

Contact made with design agency re: updating MAG stand for events.

Column for The ROAD.

In touch with Drew over creating a MAG YouTube channel (no progress yet due to lack of time).

Involvement in PR team.

Letter written to chase all lapsed members in the SouthWest prior to losing details under GDPR (new Data Protection rules).

Released payments through the online banking system.

Sent Network out to a number of local members who do not have Internet access.

Working on revamp of MAG Protected with Colin B & Julie.

In the calendar:

07/02 Staff meeting (as NEL Director) & further interview for the role of Director of Campaigns & Political Engagement.

15/02 I have been invited to address Thetford & District Motorcycle Club by a MAG life member who would like the club to affiliate with MAG (they were last affiliates in

Additional to email submission – YouTube channel.

Vice Chair

I attended the December Board and NC meetings and volunteered as a Director of The Motorcycle Action Group Ltd. I have continued to support the Chairman on various issues including drafting an interview pro-forma for the new member of campaigns staff interviews. Similarly I continue to input on the PR team although the process does fall down occasionally it generally works well. Freedom of Information request responses in respect to motorcycle crime continue to arrive but the data has yet to be collated. In conjunction with Tracy Smith we respond to Facebook enquiries but it can prove quite a challenge and despite our best efforts at a balanced response its sometimes not enough for some people. South East Biker continues to publish articles that I write about MAG and the Norton Owners Club have recently asked if they can reprint one in their "Roadholder" magazine. I hope this can lead to constructive dialogue with the club. I have responded to a few requests from Central in respect to member enquiries including one relating to roadworthiness testing of Q plated vehicles over 40 years old – Q plated cars would appear to be exempt but it is not clear if Q plated motorcycles will be also (this may include quite a few chops, customs and classics).

Locally I organised the MAG stand at Springfields Motorcycle Show where we signed up one new member, took two renewals, with a fourth contacting the office and joining shortly after. The weather was awful over the weekend so I was quite pleased with that result. Whilst my local branch has ceased to hold meetings I am optimistic that there will be a number of events over the summer. I am also working with Coastal Events, a locally run Community Interest Company aiming to create new events and projects in Lincolnshire to support established community organisations. Coastal Events is promoting Lincolnshire Bike Week to be held 18th to 25th July 2018. This event ties together a number of existing Bike Nights and events including activities at Cadwell Park and culminates in a weekend festival. The MAG logo will be used on promotional materials in return for promotion via Facebook and social media. Free stand space will also be made available to MAG at key events. This is the first year of the event so it's very much a case of see how it develops.

iii. National Reps' Liaison Officer

Ongoing:

Work on building a procedure manual for hosting AGC remains close to draft stage, and will be picked up again soon.

Continue to support Regional Reps with welcomes, provision of information and general support. In addition, have provided guidance to Reps and Central regarding a couple of queries brought up by members.

Continue to support Chair/Vice Chair with admin tasks.

Provide final proofing support to the PR team.

Also provide proofing/editing to key documents.

Looking ahead:

Work on Version 2 of Reps' Handbook, which will include more information and guidance in respect to matters I.T. related.

Develop an induction process for new officers. Hopefully this will be moving up the priorities list going forward in 2018.

iv. *National Clubs Officer*

Vacant post. No report available.

v. *National Web-based Research Officer*

Continuing to Troll the internet for relevant stuff or items that may impinge on Motorcycling.

vi. *Network Officer*

Plenty of input for the current edition which is great.

vii. *Executive Officer*

Nice Employer Ltd and The Motorcycle Action Group Limited Report

Julie Sperling Executive Officer.

Updates covering the last four months

Offices – No issues

IT – No progression on RR database access for reporting at this point. I am waiting for an update from Leslie regarding this. Email reminders have continued to go out, during January we have had intermittent web server issues that appear to have now been resolved. Our leased line has also had a problem which occurred during a software update, this has caused our phone lines and internet to be down. This was initially resolved but has happened on more than one occasion and have now been reassured that it has now been fixed. The office server is backed up every day and evening automatically the IT support has found an issue which is currently being investigated, I will update regarding this. Old MAG websites are being reviewed, Network On-line has been taken down so that out of date information can be updated in particular MAG Protected.

MAG Foundation – Nothing to update at this point, Foundation AGM on 10th February prior to NC meeting.

Staff – In my absence from the office I am pleased to report that Carol has coped very well and I thank the Board for the support given to ensure our service to the membership remained at a high standard.

Lembit has attempted to take on Leon's role, this has been kept realistic and not expected of Lembit. The priorities have been reduced so not to load Lembit up, in the first instance it has been meetings where Leon represented MAG.

Staff meeting on 7th February with some flexible working options to be discussed to ensure support at NC meetings. Appraisals to take place later in February.

The position of Director of Campaigns & Political Engagement has attracted 4 applicants, three have been interviewed and the last will be interviewed this week. A full report will be given to the Board at the Board meeting on Friday.

The Employee Handbook this is under review with Ian C, to then be returned to William B Rose. We have not looked at this specifically regarding GDPR but any additional requirements will be added. SMART Pension is working well first payment taken in October and then on each following month. All employees have opted in. Certification was approved and has been sent to the Pensions Regulator and has been accepted.

The Myers Briggs training has continued to help me considerably I have useful tools to understand Lembit's way of thinking as it helps him understand mine so communication between us has been good, situations generally resolved with ease.

Sub-Contractors contracts – Mr M appears to have managed in my absence, admittedly I have not had the time to review issue 74 but I have had a quick look through issue 75 prior to going to print. Some minors raised and no duplications of adverts.

My role – Year end completed for all 4 businesses and all signed off. GDPR review to ensure compliance with Ian C prior to staff meeting this week. I feel that the only risk factor as it currently stands is regarding access to the database/membership lists for regions, Selina has suggested that I attend a GDPR seminar to ensure that we have covered everything. Whilst on sick leave I kept my emails down to a minimum, keeping myself up to date, supporting Carol as she needed and also keeping an eye on Lembit to ensure a work balance. Prior to leaving I attempted to be totally up to date regarding the MAG finances, then during my time off completed as many payments so our invoices were paid on time and not being chased (adding to Carol's workload) and that the staff were paid on time. I have had my return to work interview with Selina and Ian C and any necessary changes were put in place, during January I worked a phased return to work and now back to full time. I have also had my appraisal which went very well I am pleased to report. Since my return I am catching up on finance input and hope to be back up to date before the end of the month, as I also have VAT returns to complete. This is taking priority now, as interviews and meetings were time relative and the priority at that time.***

Health & Safety – nothing of concern with in the offices. My IOSH – Managing Health & Safety certificate has not expired (as no end date on the certificate) but looking into it I cannot complete a one day refresher course as it is over three years since certification but would require a three/four day course. My First Aid runs until May 2019.

MAG Member Benefits

MAG Legal helpline – SorryMate no update.

Bikesure/Go Compare – No update as have not had the annual review, this will happen soon (no date set as yet).

*** Denotes redacted text

Additional to email submission – advised that JS or Carol will be 'on call' to offer emergency cover as minute taker at NC meetings. If cover is used TOIL will be offered to be taken a.s.a.p.

viii. Finance and membership figures

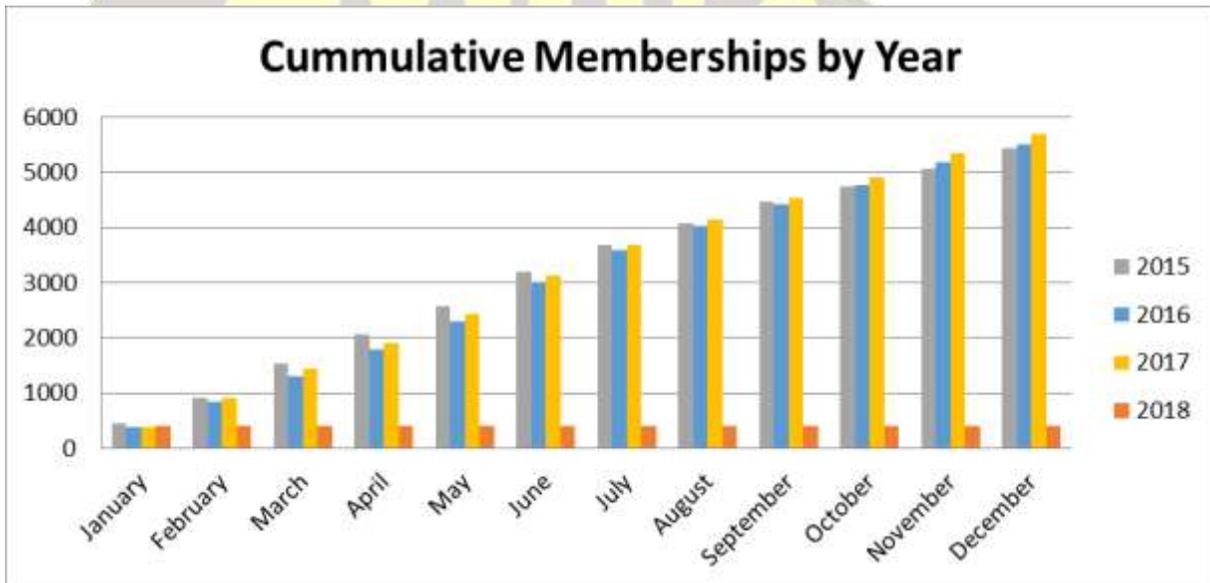
This is a brief report detailing any significant data which will allow you to see how we are financially for The Motorcycle Action Group Limited up to end of December 2017 reconciled and draft for January 2018. With my absence I am a little behind with the financial reports and will be back up to date by the end of February.

The below graph shows that memberships by month have started off in the same place as last three years. Please note the graph includes up to the end of January 2018; these are not reconciled month end figures (as not all of Bikesure figures are included due to the cool down period). Renewals from

Bikesure has decreased, but new policies have increased for example December 2016 = 24 new policies compared to December 2017 = 36 which in the current climate is very good and proves the MAG discount is attractive.



You will see from the cumulative figures that 2017 showed an overall increase in membership numbers (in total by 183), so we are in a healthy position going forward. Quotezone is work in progress and is still hoped to go live early this year.





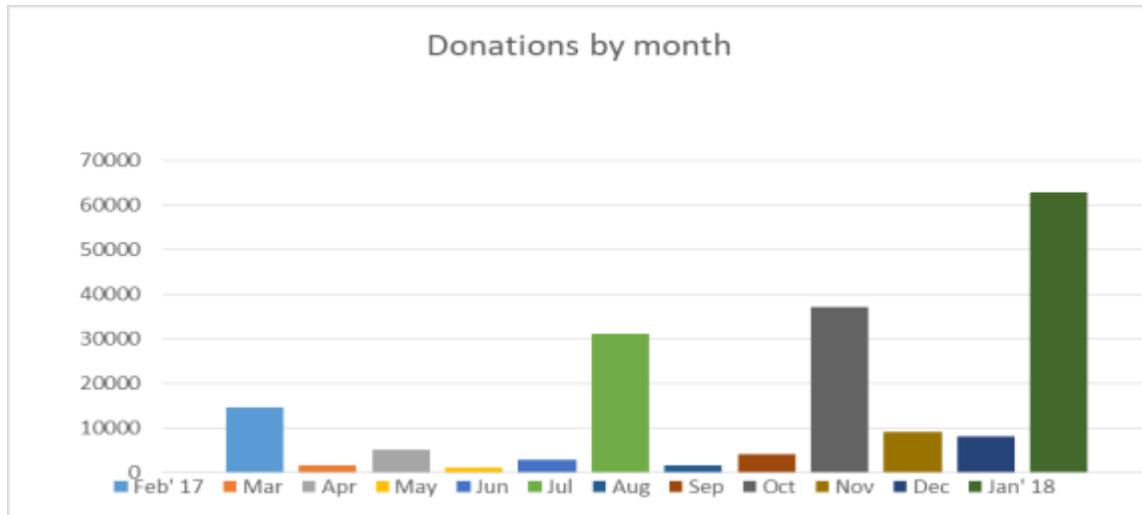
Plus 1,386 Life members no new life members during the period October 2017 to January 2018. Period February 2017 to January 2018 including Life Members and Nominated Officers the membership stands at 7170. From the database we have 22 corporate members and 113 clubs some renewals are due which has reduced the current figures. Please note that not all clubs use the associated nominated officers membership and prefer to pay, the database is showing 94 Nominated Officers. We are prepared to clear data prior to the GDPR guidance legislation coming into effect in May 2018. This will be completed at the end of April this year.

Cash balances as at today 06.02.18 or where indicated.

TMAGL	Lloyds – current	06.02.18	5450.92
TMAGL	Lloyds – instant access	06.02.18	156165.65
TMAGL	Lloyds – standing orders	06.02.18	2798.99
NEL	Lloyds – current	29.12.17	5358.79
MAG Foundation	Lloyds – current	29.12.17	2059.22
MAG Foundation	RBS – current	31.07.17	2521.20
MAG Media	RBS – current	31.07.17	6063.22

Reserves are just about 8 months running costs (this is partly down to one less employee and Stormin' donations being received in one month).

The chart below shows donations received over the last twelve months.



No additions.

ix. *Contractors*

The ROAD issue 75 already my life! In tune with our policy of looking forward at how the industry and culture is evolving we have six pages on the Brough Superior. It is part bike feature more interview with the Dr Frankenstein who has brought this beast back to life. I think it sits comfortably with our 'only way is brown', Bike Shed cutting-edge cultural revolution on-going theme.

You'll find a column from Dick Penfold on chains asking we are we still using them which I think is rather good.

There's a small piece on another area of rapid evolution which is electric bikes as Dale Robinson former Harley dealer has now become the main man at Zero Motorcycles the American electric bike crew. I ran into him at the Bike Shed with Ratso Enrico Salvadorez Rizzo.

The cover is a bit formulaic again as I didn't have a cracking portrait shot from a MAG event so it's another shot from the bike review which, this time, is a Kawasaki 900. The good thing about these shots is that they are always quality pro shots provided by the factory pro photographers. My intention is by preference to use a shot that shows MAG activity off to good effect but the picture has to work as a cover shot if we are to look like a fairly credible magazine. Remember for a cover shot to work it must be portrait, must have space to put the masthead and footers and some cover lines so a bit of sky or dead space around a central image. They also have to be pin-sharp and well exposed and just look good.

I've adopted a new tactic to strengthen our ties with the industry. When I receive PRs from companies pushing their products – certainly the bigger players like Triumph for example - I just thank them and in some cases suggest that I can probably get something in the next issue. I am hoping that I can build a bit of a relationship with company employees as a conduit to those companies taking out corporate membership. Dale of Zero is taking the idea of corporate membership back to his superiors somewhere.

You'll see in campaigns that I have used an image of a new Rolls Royce and one of an old Honda C90 to illustrate the gross injustice of the ULEZ charges. The roller gets in for nothing the guy on a C90 coughs up £12.50. I think this is a simple way of graphically relating the absurdity of the issue. I am having Stan Mathews who used to draw a cartoon for us years ago turn these images into artwork with a fat smug looking git in the roller window down elbow out of it with a fat cigar in his mouth. Timid looking person on moped just to drive the contrast home.

I think we need to push the Bikesure deal harder and harder as it is making us serious money I believe. Probably worth getting all of your Reps to promote it at their meetings.

Additional to email submission – Please add events on the website. Any adverts or photos to be multiple mb size. Any listings that require correction to be sent to Carol.

x. *Foundation*

First AGM this morning and all very positive, several initiatives to put in place immediately. Then we will be able to provide minutes going forward and will report at next AGC. Will also provide a monthly report for Network and a bi-monthly report in The ROAD. We will include what we are doing, what we would like to do and support common ground with MAG, so it should work for both organisations. Decided to remove A Timms as a Trustee and add Phil McFadden and progress other interested parties.

12. Any other business:

i. *Bike Shed*

SL stated that she had had 30 plus email regarding sharing this:

- Bike Shed – the business – café.
- We Ride London – political arm LM gave help and support with this. Bike Shed support their campaigns rather than run them.
- Bike Shed – membership organisation (fee around £500 per annum).

TF has a reasonable relationship with them, currently looking at opening another business in New Orleans, USA. Dutch has signed up as a member, they do not need MAG nor does MAG need them. It is in TF's area so best to leave to TF to make the calls. Possible Corporate membership, possible Club affiliation TF to progress as he sees fit. There are many single interest Facebook groups and time is an issue to cross reference all. PR not aware of any discussions. London Region have had a 7 page spread in The ROAD covering this.

ii. *Motorcycles Matter day of action*

21st April and will be promoted at ExCel. Also promoting at Ace and via GL Facebook page. More details to follow via NC list. Hope it to become a National Day with London at the head. Aware that We Ride London having holding similar in March. Wanted to hold the day as close to the introduction date 8th April but too many clashes hence 21st. Also known that France are holding events every weekend (we cannot do it on that scale). Need to push on other websites such as Bike & Biker. Share to all NC. Possibly investigate with CB regarding a thunderclap (as he did last year).

iii. *Website*

TC asked for help regarding the new website, has emailed request out and has had a few responses of help. Needs to be looked at, feedback, ideas, content need a working group as have not had any feedback at all. The idea is that it is easily updated. SL to email link – shop for products etc. WordPress updates automatically monthly. RM has contact with a web designer has linked all local groups and MAP. Would be good if all sites looked similar.

iv. *AGC*

2018 has been approved for South Wales and we have had two future options advised one from Western and Yorkshire regions. It would be ideal to move around the country to encourage members buy in. RM

advised the venue that he was looking at gets booked up quickly and could be looking at 18 months to 2 years in advance. Suggested to reserve the next correct date for AGC and put a bid in on that basis. It was noted that we do not get offers for AGC normally and to have three options and these should be snapped up. In theory 2019 and 2020 AGC's will have venues.

Date of next meeting: Saturday 14th April 2018.

Appendix

Political Unit NC Report February 2018

This version: 2018 02 06

Here's what's been going on since the December 2017 National Committee meeting. Lembit has been covering the work of the Political Unit, in line with the priorities laid out at the previous meeting. The report summarises the activity in line with the priorities and their relative order. The letter denotes the category of the priority and the number gives a rough guide to its level of priority within each category. Not every priority is covered – just the relevant ones. That's why some of the numbers are not included.

A1 VMCC

- Our meeting at the VMC was postponed due to staff illness. It turned out to be mutually beneficial as they were overloaded in their agenda. We're rescheduling for a future meeting in the next eight weeks. Steve Mallett is coming too, and Ian Churchlow has provided helpful documents to assist with this.

A2 PRs and media

- We're working to a PR schedule which provides has been sent to the PR team.
- Lembit continues to feel strongly that we should promote MAG on BBC and other station phone-ins. They get remarkably few callers and it's relatively easy to get on air. We'll cover this process – which is very simple - at the NC meeting.
- We completed all the pages of The Road on time.

A3 Greater London Authority

- Selina, Tim Fawthrop and Lembit met with Keith Prince, Chair of the transport Committee at the GLA, on 10th January, 2018. Amongst other action steps is a commitment to a closer relationship. This led to a further, less formal, meeting between Keith and Lembit on 5th February. We've agreed to organise a test rider for him on a larger motorcycle and he's offered to assist us as and when we need is help in the GLA. This is a very important relationship and puts us in a very constructive place regarding the GLA – which may in turn help us influence the monolithic Transport for London leadership too.
- We also met the Greens on the GLA: Sian Berry and Caroline Russell. In a wide-ranging discussion we identified the assumptions being made by them about pedestrian and cycle policy, as well as educating them on the injustice of the new charges on older bikes – a point they seemed to concur with. Again, we have some practical action steps to follow up.
- Fortuitously, we also met with Val Shawcross, the Deputy Mayor of Transport in London, which proved very useful.
- Keith has offered to host a reception for us at City Hall.
- Adding all that together, we have never been in a stronger position in regard to the GLA than we are today.

A5 Membership activity

- Neil Coyle has agreed to join MAG.
- Keith Prince joined MAG on-line.
- The target is to approach two politicians a week.

A6 Crime

- The Home Office held a crime summit on 31st January – a fuller report will take place at the NC. WE have had concerns about being excluded from the sub-groups.

- We are creating a position statement with MCRG, which has now been discussed with Craig and Tony Campbell and must be agreed with a number of interested groups. This will, in reality probably be signed off at the next MCRG.
- Lembit ended up taking a key organising role at the acid victim dinner on 25th January, 2018, London. Although demanding, we succeeded in making a great impact as far as MAG was concerned, and Lembit's attendance led to the offer of a Parliamentary reception to be hosted by Stephen Timms MP.

A10 MCI

- Lembit is meeting with Craig before the end of February to identify three projects to work together to consolidate our relationship, almost certainly crime; pollution; charging and road space issues.
- We met with Tony Campbell at the Trade Expo in Stoneleigh Park, and although the primary debate was between Colin Brown and Tony about Ride To Work Week, we also touched on these priorities. We just need to follow this up now.

B3 Events

Here's the list for Lembit as it stands right now:

- Attend at the Event City show Manchester, 23-24 March 2018.
- Attend Farmyard 2018.
- Attend Stormin' 2018.
- Discuss Edinburgh show with Steve Wykes.
- Discuss ITV attendance.
- Discuss VMCC Classic bike show with HQ – which I strongly recommend in light of their concerns about membership of MAG.

B4 Consultations

- There are continuing consultations emanating from the research carried out by George Legg. We're focussing in the next few weeks on Oxford Council, Cambridge Council and Bristol Council, all of whom appear keen to take strong action to restrict cars and motorcycles in the centres.

C1 Northern Ireland

- MAG had a very successful time at the Motorcycle Show at the Eikon centre in Northern Ireland with 15 members signing up. Thanks go in particular Ian Churchlow and Martyn Boyd for an excellent event, of which we are now an established part.
- Martyn has a forthcoming meeting with police representatives and we're planning our narrative for that meeting too.

C2 ULEZ Action Day April 2018

- The action day is pending for April 2018, and details can be found in The Road. This is an opportunity for us to express our concerns about the illogical and unfair imposition of charges on riders of older bikes.

C8 Autonomous vehicles

- There is new evidence to suggest that some of the technology associated with autonomous vehicles could be damaging to health due to the radiation and laser aspects of the systems. Lembit is communicating with an expert in the field, Mark Steele, to understand the science and practical effects of the technology.

Lembit Öpik

Director of Communications & Public Affairs